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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I believe in the power of small business and competition. I feel fortunate to live somewhere with a competitive local ISP like Sonic. Sonic is a reliable company who I trust, unlike a national company like AT&T. Sonic is working hard on getting high-speed fiber networks to the Bay Area, and providing excellent customer service while they do so. AT&T provides neither of these. As Sonic attracts more and more customers, maybe it will push other ISP's to get more competitive. But without Sonic and other local ISP's, national ISP's have no reason to work harder.

I support broadband competition. Please protect our local businesses!

Thank you for your time.

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